

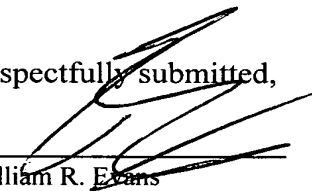
REMARKS

The allowability of claims 3 - 12 and 15 - 18, but for rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is acknowledged appreciatively and accepted by combining claim 3 (and claim 1) with its parent claim 1.

Claim 2 is also combined with claim 1 for good measure, corresponding amendments are made to claims 13 and 14, and editorial changes to avoid the rejections under 35 USC 112 are made to the claims requiring these. The editorial changes are non-narrowing and, therefore, should not raise any Festo-like limitations, nor despite some thinking to the contrary, should combining dependent claims with their parent.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

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